

REMARKS

The Examiner asserts that the present application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

Group I. Claims 1-32 and 34, drawn to a molten metal pump and devices for use therein, classified in class 266, subclass 239; and

Group II. Claim 33, drawn to an impellar, classified in class 416, subclass 179.

In response, applicant elects the Group I claims 1-32 and 34, drawn to a molten metal pump and devices for use therein, and requests the withdrawal, without prejudice or disclaimer, of Group II claim 33. Applicant respectfully requests examination of the elected Group I claims 1-32 and 34.

CONCLUSION

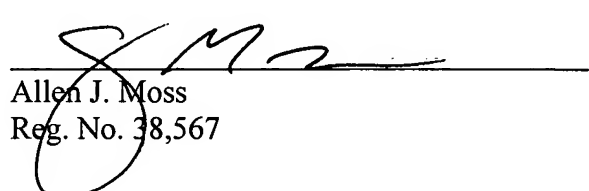
In view of the amendments and arguments herein, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and favorable action is requested. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute additional claims, including claims of broader scope, in any related application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the issue fee, for such extension is to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 19-3878**.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if it would in any way advance prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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